Moses McKissack Sr.

Pioneer Builder Called by Death

By W. A. REED Jr.

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His death occurred Monday, Dec. 15, at his local residence.

Mr. McKissack was the senior member of the nationally known firm of McKissack and McKissack, Registered Nashville and Memphis Architects; president of the $1,200,000 College Hill Developments for Negroes in Nashville and a member of the board of directors of the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis.

During his lifetime he had witnessed the transition of Negro artisans, constructing a few residences by their employment on a large scale basis in the South as contractors in their own right.

REPRESENTATIVE OF the third generation of his family that busied themselves in construction, Mr. McKissack in his lifetime built hundreds of churches, schools, publishing houses and hospitals in the Southern United States.

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IN MARCH, 1951, he was honored by the Second Episcopal District of the CME Church for his many years of activity as a layman in his church.

He was for a great length of time an officer and director of the National Negro Business League, a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and associated with the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order.

Mr. McKissack was eulogized at the Capers Memorial Church in Nashville and borne to his final resting place by his six surviving sons, a nephew and a friend of more than twenty years duration.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Miranda P. McKissack, to whom he was wed in 1912 in Nashville. The six sons who served as active pallbearers are Lewis Winter, architect and professor at Tennessee State University; Moses IV, president of McKissack Brothers in Nashville; Lemuel H., instructor in industrial education in the Nashville City Schools; Calvin A., who served as assistant to his father; Samuel M., a vocational instructor in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and William DeBerry, an architect and member of the family firm.

OTHER SURVIVORS of the late contractor include three brothers: Thomas E. McKissack of Cleveland, Abraham McKissack of Pulaski, Tenn., and Calvin L. McKissack, junior member of the firm of McKissack and McKissack.

He is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Annie Maxwell and Mrs. Mary Frances Utley of Pulaski, Tenn., and three nieces: Mrs. Charlotte Tracy, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Anne Johnson, Flint, Mich., and Ann Elizabeth McKissack of Pulaski, Tenn.

Five daughters-in-law and ten grandchildren also mourn his death.

Perhaps the most notable achievement of his career was the construction of the Tuskegee Air Base in 1942 at Tuskegee, Ala.

This job cost over $7,000,000 and was the largest task of its kind ever entrusted to the hands of Negro artisans in America.

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OTHER MAJOR projects of Mr. McKissack and the firm include the erection of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., in Nashville the CME Publishing House in Jackson, Tenn.; the Fisk University Library, four city schools in Nashville and as many structures at the Tennessee State University in Nashville.

In other cities he was instrumental in the building of such institutions as the Infantile Paralysis Clinic at Tuskegee, the Knights of Tabor Hospital in Mound Bayou, Miss.; Riverside Sanatorium and Hospital in Nashville, the home office of the Universal Life Insurance Company in Memphis, Tenn.; a college YMCA in Atlanta, Ga.; several buildings at Texas College in Tyler, Tex., and at colleges in Fort Valley, Ga., and in Pine Bluff, Ark.

The crowning achievement and testimonial to his artistry is the College Hill Developments in Nashville where hundreds of Negro families live in previously unheard of luxury at a minimum of cost.

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Funeral Rites Held For Dr. Miller Boyd

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—Dr. Miller Williams Boyd, 55, president of Morristown Normal and Industrial College, died here December 2 of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held December 5 in the school chapel, conducted by Bishop Alexander P. Shaw retired Bishop of Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Boyd, widely known throughout the Methodist Church and in educational circles, was a native of Abingdon, Va. He was a graduate of Morristown College and Lincoln University. His first position as a teacher was in the mathematics department at Morristown, and later he served as registrar, principal of the high school department, and dean in his advancement to the presidency of the 71-year-old institution in 1944.

Dr. Boyd was immediate past president of the National Association of Methodist Junior Colleges, was elected delegate four times to the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church, and was a member of several general boards and agencies of the church, as well as a civic leader in Morristown.

When the school celebrated its 70th anniversary last year, the Morristown Gazette-Mail paid this editorial tribute to Dr. Boyd:

"During his seven years as president, Morristown College has become recognized as one of the outstanding junior colleges of the nation. The enrollment has tripled and the school has been rated as an "A" class institution."

Dr. Boyd is survived by his widow, the former Mary Georgia Whitten, and their two children, Miller, Jr., and Majorie Boyd.

Dr. M. Boyd, Morristown Prexy Since 1944, Dies

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — Dr. Miller W. Boyd, president of Morristown College since 1944, died suddenly of a heart attack here Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held in the college chapel Friday morning, with many leading Methodist churchmen and college officials in attendance.

President Boyd was born in Abingdon, Va., July 21, 1897. He was educated at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., and at Columbia and Western Reserve Universities. Lincoln conferred the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy upon him in 1945.

Dr. Boyd was connected with Morristown College, a Methodist-related institution, for many years, as teacher, dean, and finally president. From 1940 to 1943 he was on leave, serving as education and recreation supervisor for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He was a noted churchman, having been elected delegate to Methodist General Conferences in 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, and 1948, and to the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1952. He served many years on the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, and was this year named a member of the Board of World Peace. He had been a teacher in Bethel Methodist Church Sunday School since 1930.

Morristown College has made notable strides during the eight years of Dr. Boyd's presidency. The property now contains fourteen buildings and dwellings, valued at one million dollars.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Georgia Whitten, a daughter, Majorie Della, and a son, Miller W. Jr.

Dr. H. D. Richardson Buried In Nashville

By W. A. REED JR.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Final rites for Dr. Henry D. Richardson, South Nashville physician and instructor in clinical medicine at Meharry Medical College, were held Monday, Nov. 3, from Spruce st. Baptist Church with the Rev. J. F. Grimmett, pastor, conducting the services.

The physician, who died following a short illness, had practiced medicine here for 21 years following his graduation from Meharry in 192.

A native of this city, he was educated in the public schools here and had attended Fisk University, where he received the B.S. degree.

Bach's Processional Sung

Services were opened with an organ processional, "Come Sweet Repose," by Bach, a hymn by the choir, and reading of the prayer lesson by the Rev. F. P. Phillips.

Remarks were made by Dr. Carr Treherne, R. F. Boyd Medical Society; Dr. H. H. Walker, Medical Out-Clinic at Meharry; Dr. M. J. Bent, a classmate; Dr. Harold D. West, president of Meharry, and the Rev. E. B. Looper.

The obiturary and other notices of sympathy were read by Mrs. J. T. Brown, a solo, "Around the Great White Throne," was sung by Mrs. S. E. Tate.

Recessional Ends Program

A solo by the Rev. Jerome I. Wright and the recessional "Flee As a Bird," concluded the funeral program.

Honorary pallbearers included members of the Boyd Medical Society, the Volunteer State Medical Society and the faculty of Meharry.

Flower ladies were auxiliary members of the two medical socieites.

Five Sons Survive

Active pallbearers were: B. F. Hudson, E. W. Williams, H. E. Clark, Doctors R. T. Smith, J. W. Bright and W. M. Grant.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include: His wife Mrs. Thelma Richardson; five small sons, Henry Jr., Howard, Melvin, Moses and Neal Richardson; a sister. Mrs. Carrie Richardson Davis; two brothers, Dr. M. A. Richardson, Akron, Ohio, and P. S. Richardson, Indianapolis, Ind.; two nieces, Mrs. Mary Cotton, Nashville, and Miss Mary Louise Richardson, Indianapolis.

Moses McKissack, Noted Nashville Architect Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Moses McKissack Sr., one of the nation's most outstanding architects, died at his home, 1501 Edge Hill, Monday, Dec. 15, after an illness of two or three years. He was 73 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Capers Memorial CME church, the Rev. L. A. Storey officiating.

Of Third Generation

The third generation of a line of architects and builders, Mr. McKissack erected churches, schools, homes and other construction jobs in more than eight states. He was a member of the board of directors of the Universal Life Insurance company in Memphis. He built the new home office for the company, located at Linden and Wellington in Memphis.

He was associated with the building of the $7,000,000 Tuskegee Airfield in 1941. Last year he built Nashville's College Hill development at a cost of $1,200,000.

Some of the many schools Mr. McKissack erected were Pearl senior high; Washington junior high, Meighs junior high, and Ford Greene Elementary school of Memphis includes the Metropolitan Baptist church and the Mississippi Boulevard Christian church.

Other works he supervised in Nashville include the Morris Memorial building and several buildings on the Tennessee A and I State university campus.

Started 1905

The noted architect attended the public schools of Pulaski and the old Roger Williams university of Nashville.

It was about 1905 when he started his building enterprises around Nashville, erecting a few homes to begin.

During his long and successful career, Mr. McKissack did jobs in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Survivors

The veteran builder is survived by his widow, Mrs. Miranda McKissack, six sons, two daughters and three brothers.

The sons are: Lewis Winters McKissack, Moses McKissack IV, president of McKissack and McKissack Registered Architects; Lemuel H. McKissack, instructor in the Nashille city schools; Calvin A. McKissack, instructor, Murfreesburg, Tenn., and William D. McKissack, a registered architect.

His daughters are: Mrs. Frances Utley and Mrs. A. Maxwell, both of Pulaski, Tenn.

The brothers are Calvin L. Mc McKissack, a junior member of the firm; Thomas E. McKissack of Cleveland, and Abraham McKissack, of Pulaski.

Pioneer Doctor, Political Leader Came Here In 1905

Funeral services were held Saturday for Dr. A. N. Kittrelle, beloved pioneer Memphis Physician and civic leader, who died at his home on Wednesday, March 26. The 75-year-old past president of the Bluff City Society had been in semi-retirement because of ill health for the past two years.

His death ended a 47-year medical career which began in 1905 when he was graduated from Meharry Medical School and settled in Memphis. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, he received his earlier education at Tuskegee Institute.

A veteran member of the "Old Guard" segment of the local Republican party, Dr. Kittrelle had recently been elected secretary of the Shelby County Republican Committee and alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

An indication of his political eminence is the fact that the opposing faction also named him a delegate to the convention. In addition to his political affiliation, he was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

One of the founders of the Bluff City Medical Society (of which he was a past president), he was also a member of the National Medical Association. He was one of the primary persons instrumental in the organization of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis.

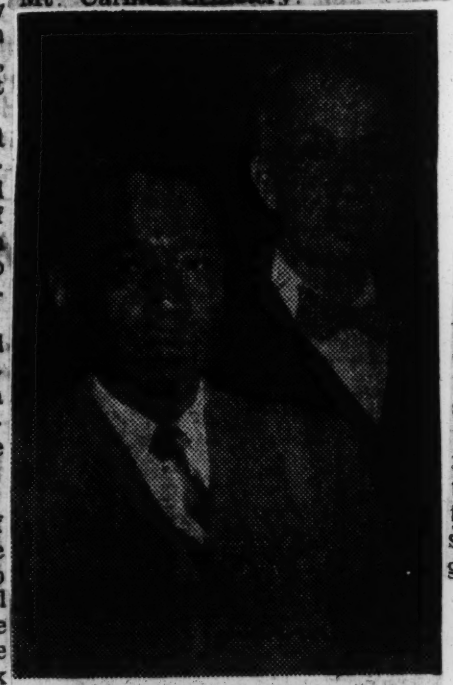
At his funeral Sa turday, held in the chapel of the Oates and Sons Funeral Home, many persons spoke of his benevolent influence in this region. A chorus of "amens" responded to the observation by one speaker that in his practice, Dr. Kittrelle was concerned with cure not collection.

Rev. J. L. Kiernan, who officated at the last rites, spoke of the late doctor as "a great friend of humanity." His long-time colleague, Dr. E. M. Wilkins, spoke for the Bluff City Medical Society in saying: "Dr. Kittrelle was the most honored member of the Society."

Attorney Ben Hooks summed up the remarks by saying: "We are not here to mourn but to celebrate his victory over life." The chapel was crowded with professional and political associates of Dr. Kittrelle as well as many of his former patients who paid their last respects to the man who was such a benign influence in their lives.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs Emma Kittrelle, brother, Z. Kittrelle of Los Angeles and sister, Mrs. M. Ragland of Chicago. His active pall bearers were Dr. E. M. Wilkins, Dr. W. S. Martin, Dr. John V. Byas, Dr. W. A. Bisson and H. C. Shepherd. (Lt. George W. Lee originally scheduled to be a pall bearer, was called out of town).

The honorary pall bearers were the members of the Bluff City Medical Society. Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.



DR. A. N. KITTRELLE

THE LATE DR. A. N. KITTRELLE is shown (right) in perhaps the last photograph taken of him before his death last Wednesday. The picture (showing Lt. George W. Lee at left) was made during the 'Old Guatd' Republican rally earlier this year in which the doctor was elected secretary of the Shelby County Republican Committee. The photo shows, in part, the ravages of the two-year illness which finally brought about his death. (Photo by Withers)

Church's Political Victories Recalled By Former Protege

By GEORGE W. LEE
Republican Convention Delegate

Robert R. Church has come to the end of his day. He has lived, he has died. Around his fortunes, over his hopes and amid his anxious tears gathered the rich and the poor to join him in his life long fight to lift all humanity to first class citizenship. Tennessee was his land, his nation the United States but his country was the world and created man his brethren.

Two words could describe him; the "doer" and the "giver." He organized his own political ideas and directed them with the sagacity of an outstanding success.

In 1928, Church fought one of his spectacular battles. The State and National Conventions having turned down his delegation leaving him without standing on the County and District Committees, he knew that, in order to make a successful fight to seat his delegation in the State and National Conventions in Knoxville and Cleveland soon to convene, he would have to get some of his men on the County and District Committees.

These two committees were dominated by the Harry True and Tom Taylor factions with the colored people left 'out in the cold." For days he turned the problem over in his mind and finally decided upon a bold piece of strategy.

At a meeting of the State Committee, Church managed to put through a resolution favorable to the inclusion of colored men on local Committees. He then selected George W. Lee and Wayman Wickerson to treat with the true faction. An agreement was drawn up between Wickerson, representing the colored Republicans and Harry Spears representing the Lily Whites.

This agreement accorded certain privileges to the colored people provided they held separate conventions and did not aspire to be delegates to the National Convention.

Such a compromise was, of course contrary to Republican principles. And the manifest unfairness of it was sufficient to bring about the defeat of the Lily Whites in a contest before the State Committee. Church in the meantime had won over the white faction headed by Tom Taylor and a powerful "black and tan" movement got underway which became one of the first effective instruments of its time ever launched.

In the campaign that followed, Church was appointed with 20 other outstanding men of the country to advise with William M. Butler, Chairman of the National Committee, on the conduct of the Coolidge and Dawes campaigns. The late President Coolidge sought to honor Church by having James J. Davis, Secretray of Labor, offer him the chairmanship of a Commission of prominent men, who were to investigate industrial and general conditions on the Virgin Islands. Mr. Church respectively declined the honor.

His opportunity to make another appointment of one of his colleagues as postmaster of Memphis came as the term of Carl Seches was about to expire. Several candidates rushed forward to offer their names for eligible list. For some time Church waited for the examination of the candidates for the Memphis Office to be announced.

Finally he was informed that the policy of the Coolidge administration would be to hold no examination for candidates aspiring to the Memphis Postmastership and that Mr. Seches would be reappointed. Church carried his fight to Washington and had the order revoked and the routine examination reinstated.

With equal tenacity Church worked for the appointment of the late Judge Anderson as Federal Judge of this district, fighting by his side until the nomination had been made by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate.

In serving as a member of the National Committee which notified Mr. Hoover of his nomination as President, Church made history because he was the first Negro from Tennessee to act in such a capacity.

Church's most celebrated political document was his open letter to President Hoover on November 6, 1929. He wrote to the president, on behalf of the loyal voters who had played a commending part in the campaign but after the election had been forgotten. He closed that celebrated letter with the following lines, "I with millions of men many white men of sober judgment doubt that our country can afford to issue an open invitation to the design of oppression."

Church has gone to join Henry Lincoln Johnson, John Risher, Walter Cohen, J. Finley Wilson and others of that small group who met in a dowtown Washington office back in the 1929's, to lay the foundation of many a bitter battle waged for recognition in the National Republican Convention. The growth of this little group into a militant attitude has a promised effect upon the nation. They were not able to right many wrongs but under God they protested every wrong.

'Bob' Church Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Ends Colorful Career

MEMPHIS — A former powerful figure in the Republican party, Robert (Bob) R. Church, died here Thursday afternoon shortly after he suffered a heart attack while making a telephone call. He was 67.

Church suffered the attack in his room at the Lumpkin Hotel as he was speaking to a friend, Thornton Matthew. In the midst of the coversation, Matthew heard Church gasp for breath.

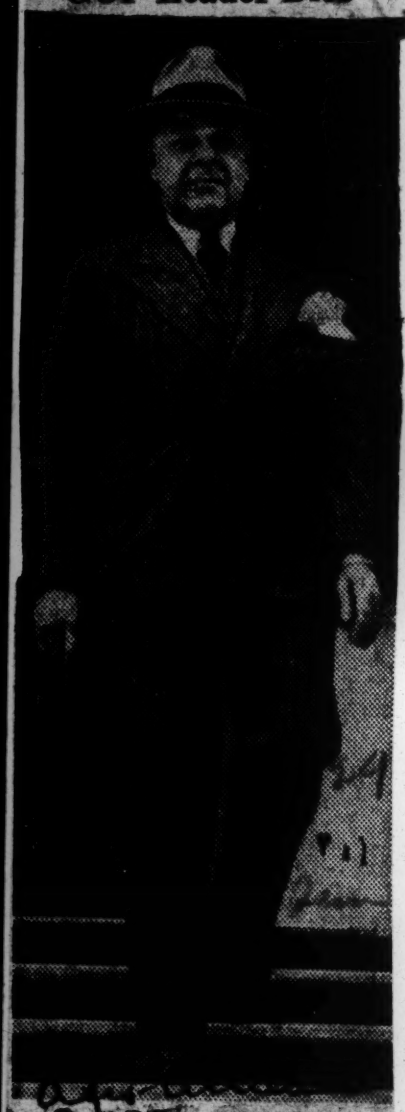
Matthew telephoned the hotel office and a local uudertaker Frank Scott, found Church leaning back in a chair.

Refused Aid

He refused to let Scott call an ambulance and suddenly collapsed. He was taken to John Gaston Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Church, who was born in Memphis, was the most powerful figure in Memphis Republican affairs for many years.

GOP Leader Dies



Robert "Bob" Church, pioneer Tennessee Republican leader, died suddenly of a heart attack in his native Memphis last week.

His stormy political career lasted for more than 25 years and was often clouded by bitter quarrels with his fellow Republicans, many of whom resented his influence and power.

Fought For Control

He waged a continual fight in his home state to prevent what he termed "lily white forces" from taking over control of the GOP in order to reduce the influence of colored party members.

On several occasions Church's foes made determined efforts to end his domination of the state, but in every instance the experienced politician was the final victor.

The leading daily Memphis newspaper the Commercial Appeal, paid tribute to Church's power in a 1928 editorial which admitted "his influence in the Republican party is more extensive in the South, than any man, black or white."

Dominated Shelby County

Church's power stemmed from his complete control of the Shelby County Republican organization, the largest and most powerful in the state.

In every election Church was able to deliver a heavy bloc of voters and as a reward whenever a Republican administration was in power in Washington, Church was able to dispense Federal jobs and patronage as he pleased.

During the zenith of his career even his bitterest foe admitted that Church had the power to name anyone he wanted to any Federal job in Tennessee.

Friend of Hoover

He was closely connected with President Herbert Hoover and in 1929 he was credited with cuasing the firing of Col. Horace A. Mann, who handled the South for Hoover during the presidential campaign.

Church disliked Mann, because he believed that he was guilty of slighting color ed Republicans. When Church informed the President of his attitude, Mann was fired even though he had delivered four Southern states to the Republicans.

Church left Memphis in 1938 at the request of Joseph Pugh, Pennsylvania Republican leader and oilman, to help him politically.

Since that time he had lived in Washington, Chicago, and Philadelphia. From time to time he would appear at political meetings. His last public appearance was made in Nashville April 2 when he came out in support of Eisenhower.

Son of Millionaire

Church was the sun of Bob Church Sr., slave of a New Orleans master, and reportedly the first "colored millionaire in America."

He was born in 1885 and attended Oberlin College. After finishing his education, Church returned to Memphis where he became a cashier in the Solvent Savings Bank, which his father founded.

He was chosen delegate from Tennessee to the Republican National Convention of 191, 1916, 1920 and 1924. He remained active in politics until he lost the majority of his property during the depression.

Church was married to the former Sara P. Johnson, who died in 1922. They had one child, Roberta, who completed Oberlin and Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

Funeral Held For Dr. Talley

Fisk Pays Tribute To Retired Professor

By W. A. REED JR.

NASHVILLE, Ten. — Funeral for a retired professor of science NOWISTHETIM at Fisk University, Dr. Thomas W. Talley, were held here at the Fisk Uinversity Chapel, Monday. Dr. Talley had been associated with Fisk for nearly half a century and was retired in 1938 from his teaching field of chemistry at the institution.

Dr. Talley

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. T. M. Trumfield, an associate and friend of the late professor; and music was under the direction of John W. Work of the Fisk Music School.

Dr. Talley was born near Shelbyville, Tenn. He attended Walden University and did graduate work at Harvard and Chicago Universities.

Worked With Booker T.

From 1902 he served on the Fisk faculty, but his first teaching job was at Alcorn College in Mississippi and from there he went to Florida A. and M. in Tallahassee. His third post was at Tuskegee, where he taught under the principalship of Booker T. Washington.

In 1922 the MacMillan Company of New York published a book of "Folk Rhymes" written by Dr. Talley. The book also discussed the origin and significance of many folk tunes. At the time of his death, he was working on a study of cosmic history.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the Fisk Jubilee Singers, Alumni Club, the Agora Assembly, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and was a deacon in the Fisk Union Church.

Survivors included two daughters, both concert pianists, Miss Sonoma Talley of Nashville and Miss Thomasina Talley of Jefferson City, Mo.; two son-in-law, Dr. Lorenzo J. Green of Jefferson City, Mo., and Walter W. Hadley of Nashville. Two grandsons, Richard Swanston of Nashville and Lorenzo Green of Jefferson City, Mo.

Nashville Teacher Dies After 52 Years Service

By W. A. REED JR.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Miss Martha C. Grisham, a local teacher for 52 years, were held Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist church. The Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, church pastor, officiated.

The veteran teacher had been ill for several years preceding her death last Monday evening.

Miss Grisham began her teaching career at Bellview school, one of the first public schools opened for colored in Nashville. She later was a teacher at old Pearl school and at Cameron junior high school, from which she voluntarily retired in 1944-45.

Attended Fisk

She received her elementary and high school education at the old Daniel Hand training school of Fisk university and continued study at the university. During her teaching career she taught several generations of the same families.

Miss Grisham was a member of the First Baptist church, the Matron's progressive club and the Nashville Fisk club. She had won for herself a host of admirers because of the love and kindness she showed to her pupils of many years and from all over Nashville at the time of her death came expressions of sympathy and regret.

Remarks at the services were made by Dr. Ralph W. Riley, president of the American Baptist Theological seminary, and M. D. Neelym, colored supervisor of the Nashville school system. Memoirs were read by Mrs. J. B. Singleton, the obituary by Mrs. G. B. Fort, and resolutions by Mrs. Ralph W. Riley.

Music For Rites

Music for the rites was provided by the Rev. Jerome I. Wright, Mrs. Lillian Barbour, Mrs. Emma J. Hynes and the Sanctuary choir of the church. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

Miss Grisham is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Mary Louise Ritter, who cared for her during her last illness, and four other cousins; Charles Hunt of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Maude Shepperd of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Florence Stratton of Nashville, and Mrs. Estella Wright of Glendale, Ohio.

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Hearty, jovial and possessed with an unusual memory for faces and names of persons he met, he was known in almost any town he visited and beloved in his own city, where he was active in the affairs of his church, fraternal and business organizations.

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Consulted By FDR

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A few months prior to his death he and his brother, Calvin, were the subjects of a magazine article in the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

Sons Pallbearers

He was eulogized Wednesday by his pastor, the Rev. L. A. Story, at the Capers Memorial Church and borne to his final resting place by his six surviving sons, Lewis of Cleveland, Abraham McKissack of Tennessee State University, Moses IV, Lemuel H., Calvin A., Samuel M., of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and William Berry.

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A nephew and a friend of more than 20 years duration.

Wife Of Henry Allen Boyd Succumbs After Long Illness

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Funeral Services At 2:00 P. M., Saturday From Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Corner Ninth And Charlotte Avenues

Death claimed Mrs. Georgia Bradford Boyd at the Riverside Hospital and Sanitarium at 11:35 Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held from the Mt. Olive Baptist church at 2:00 p. m., Saturday. Rev. John W. Williams, a member of the National Baptist Publishing Board, Pastor of the St. Stephen Baptist church of Kansas City, Mo., will deliver the funeral eulogy.

The deceased was born and reared in Nashville, Tenn., a graduate of Pearl High School and attended Fisk University. She was prominent in religious affairs, and had headed the Primary Department of the Sunday School Congress, of which her husband is Secretary, for many years, assisted by a corps of devoted religious workers. She had taught Sunday School in Nashville at Mt. Olive Baptist church for forty years. She was the victim of a malady which the best medical advice tried to remedy, but failed. She was a member of several social clubs of this city, working with the Y. W. C. A. for many years, heading the Housing Committee, and was responsible for the leadership in raising funds to pay the mortgage off the building.

News of Mrs. Boyd's death was flashed throughout the United States by wire, to officers of the National Baptist Convention of America, Secretaries and Chairmen of the various Boards, and to officers of the four Convention Auxiliaries. Mrs. Boyd had been a regular attendant at the Sunday-School Congress each June and at the National Baptist Convention of America in September.

Rev. John B. Ridley, the Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church, will be assisted by the ministers of this city. The male employees of the National Baptist Publishing Board will be active pallbearers; the honorary pallbearers will be from the Pastors of the city, and the flower-bearers will be selected from various clubs where she held her membership. There will be quite a number of out-of-town friends, according to the latest telegrams received, in attendance at the funeral, from Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and other points in the nation.

MRS GEORGIA BRADFORD BOYD

Mrs. Boyd is survived by her mother, Mrs. Josie E. Lowery, age ninety-six; her husband, Rev. Henry A. Boyd; her daughter, Mrs. Kathervn Boyd Roach; a son-in-law, Rev. A. L. Roach of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be here attending the funeral, and a number of distant relatives.

This is the second death in the family within the past month.

He Met Their Direst Need

Tom Lee, Memphis Negro, had courage in his soul, humanitarianism in his heart, and knowledge of how to handle a small boat in the Mississippi River, in his head and hands. For the 31 fellow humans he suddenly came upon in Cow Island Bend below Memphis more than a quarter century ago it was fortunate that he was so constituted. They were the survivors of the capsized and sunken Steamer Norman. But for Tom Lee, his skill, and the power boat he was operating, they would have surely drowned.

Now, Tom Lee has died and it must be to a very bright and happy shore that he's gone. He earned it on that tragic afternoon of May 8, 1925. He earned it in a lot of ways afterward. He took being called a "hero" in grinning stride. He was provided with a home with funds publicly subscribed through The Commercial Appeal. He accepted it modestly as something his good white friends wanted him to have. Eventually he left the river and went to work for the city. He was loyal, law abiding and unostentatious. Nobody ever heard him brag about saving other folks' lives and it took prodding to even get him to talk about it. He was just made that way.

He was too honest and simple to ever strut. He worked hard all his life. He obeyed the law. He went to church. When the curse of cancer made his latter days and nights so difficult, he accepted his lot with fortitude—his faith in the things which were chief to him, undimmed by so cruel a physical blow.

Tom Lee was more than an average good citizen. He did more than talk about good racial relationship. He had made it come alive long ago in Cow Island Bend and the good he did that day lives on through the lives of those he saved—and of their children.

And in death he becomes legend for all who will ever know and love the Mississippi. For he had been a mighty man working miracles with a small boat so that other folks could live! Of such things as that are the river's legends made.

Lane College Dean Is Buried

Orlando.

JACKSON, TENN.—(ANP)— Impressive funeral rites were conducted Saturday morning for Richard H. Sewell, Lane college dean of instruction and chairman of the division of education. He died suddenly at his home Thursday night.

The widely known educator was 46 years old. He was born in Berksville, Ky., and attended Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, Lincoln Pa. University and Indiana university where he was scheduled to have completed requirements for the doctorate degree this summer.

Dean Sewell served in the United States army during World War II, and attained the rank of first lieutenant.

He taught for a number of years in the public school system at Glasglow, Ky. Prior to assuming duties at Lane College, he was associate professor of education at Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.

Dean Sewell came to Lane four years ago. In 1950 he served as acting president of the college, until President C. S. Kirkdendoll, Lane's present head, was elected.

Surving are his wife, Mrs. Lottie Cox Sewell, a son Richard Houston Sewell mother, Mrs. Susie E. Sewell of Buffalo N. Y., sister Mrs. Zella Robinson also of Buffalo, N. Y.

To Observe Last Rites For Tom Lee, Local River Hero

Sixty-one year old Tom Lee, one of the legendary heroes of Memphis, died this week at his home, 923 Mansfield. Acting as honorary pallbearers at his funeral will be members of the local Engineers Club — many of whom owe their lives to him.

Funeral services will be held today at Friendship Baptist Church on Vollentine at Randall. Interment will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Arrangements will be by the R. S. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home.

Lee's legendary feat of heroism took place 27 years ago on May 8, 1925. The Norman, a steamboat operated by the United States Engineers, sank in the Mississippi about eight miles below Memphis with 72 aboard.

Thirty-one persons were saved by Lee who chanced to be passing in his small motorboat. Twenty-three were drowned. Three trips were necessary for Lee to relay the 31 persons he saved to shore.

According to Col. Garner W. Miller: "I was hanging onto an overturned lifeboat and Mrs. Miller was astride it when he picked us up. He didn't say a word, he just pulled us into his motorboat with other survivors and hurried us to shore. Then he raced his motorboat back into the river to pick up more victims."

The "Norman" was, at the time, on its way with Engineers and guests aboard to inspect levee work at Cow Island Bend. Many of those aboard were women and children.

A local newspaper, in recognition of Lee's feat, raised a fund to buy Lee a home. He was also given a job with the city and the local Engineers Club, which sponsored the ill-fate cruise, has carefully looked after Lee's welfare ever since.

William B. Fowler, a long-time member of the club, assisted Lee's widow, Mrs. Margaret Lee, in making the funeral arrangements. Lee has been introduced in Washington to President Coolidge and has had a swimming pool (for Negroes) in North Memphis named in his honor.

Mrs. Henry A. Boyd Buried In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (ANP)— General services were held in Mt. Olive Baptist church here last week for Mrs. Allen Henry Boyd, wife of Henry Allen Boyd, secretary, National Baptist Convention of America, who died in the Riverside Hospital and Sanitarium. Cause of death was not immediately disclosed.

The Rev. John B. Ridley, pastor of Mt. Olive, had charge of the service, and the Rev. John W. Williams, member of the National Baptist Publishing Board, delivered the eulogy.

The male employes of the publishing board were active pallbearers; the honorary pallbearers were from among the pastors of the city, and the flowerbearers were from various clubs in which Mrs. Boyd held membership.

She was born and reared in Nashville, and was graduated from Pearl High school. She attended Fisk university. She was prominent in religious affairs, and had headed the Primary department of the Sunday School Congress of which her husband is secretary.

She was an active worker with the YWCA for many years, and was responsible for the leadership in raising funds to pay the mortgage off the building.

Besides her widower, Mrs. Boyd leaves her mother, Mrs. Josie E. Lowery, 96; her daughter, Mrs. Katheryn Boyd Roach; a son-in-law, the Rev. A. L. Roach, Cleveland, Ohio, and a number of relatives.

Gilbert W. Senter, Sr., Well Known State "AG" Agent, Dies At Home Here

Gilbert W. Senter, Sr., Assistant County Farm Demonstration Agent of Davidson County for the past 32, years died at his residence, 1327 Brick Church Pike, Thursday, April 17, following illness of a serious nature that had rendered him inactive since the first of this year. He had not been in the best of health, however, for a period of about two years, his family stated.

Mr. Senter was known not only throughout Davidson County, but also in the counties of Williamson and Sumner, as his work had carried him to these counties in past years.

He was an expert in agriculture and his practical knowledge, given to farmers of the county has been worth thousands of dollars to them. Mr. Senter was a 1915 graduate of A&I State College and had served as manager of the college farm for the first two years after his graduation.

Mr. Senter, whose age was 66, was a member of 15th Avenue Baptist Church. The congregation to which he belonged, now worships at its recently purchased church building on Ninth Avenue, North. Funeral services for the deceased were held there on Saturday morning of last week, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Murray. Others participating in the services were the County Agricultural Agent, Mr. Oscar Farris, white; Mr. W. H. Williamson, State Agricultural Agent; Miss Bessie Walton, County Demonstration Agent in Home Economics and Prof Clinton Derrick, principal of Haynes High School, all of whom made remarks attesting the worth of Mr Senter. The pastor spoke eloquently of Mr. Senter's Christian service and good citizenship.

The obituary was read by Miss Lucile Harris, resolutions were read by Miss Bessie Locke and a solo was rendered by Rev. Olen D. Travis

Mr. Senter was a close personal friend of the Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, secretary of the BYPU Publishing Board and maintained his agency headquarters in the BYPU building at 409 Gay St.

The deceased is survived by the following: wife, Mrs. Comma Senter; four daughters, Misses Milbra, Christine and Wilma Senter; and Mrs. Yvonne Hill, all of Nashville; sons, Gilbert W. Jr., Columbus, Ohio; Nelson J. member Haynes High School faculty; Harold, Chicago; Dr. Howard Senter, Knoxville and Thomas Senter, Nashville; brother, William Foster Senter, Sr., St. Louis, sister, Mrs. Fannie Newsome, Mound City, Ill., an adopted son, Ronald Senter; nine grandcholdren, and many other relatives.

Davis and Campbell had charge of the funeral arrangements. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. State Agricultural Extension Service workers served as flower ladies and pallbearers.

Dr. H. D. Richardson Buried In Nashville

By W. A. REED JR.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Final rites for Dr. Henry D. Richardson, South Nashville physician and instructor in clinical medicine at Meharry Medical College, were held Monday, Nov. 3, from Spruce st. Baptist Church with the Rev. J. F. Grimmett, pastor, conducting the services.

The physician, who died following a short illness, had practiced medicine here for 31 years following his graduation from Meharry in 192.

A native of this city, he was educated in the public schools here and had attended Fisk University, where he received the B.S. degree.

Bach's Processional Sung

Services were opened with an organ processional, "Come Sweet Repose," by Bach, a hymn by the choir, and reading of the prayer lesson by the Rev. F. P. Phillips.

Remarks were made by Dr. Carr Treherne, R. F. Boyd Medical Society; Dr. H. H. Walker, Medical Out-Clinic at Meharry; Dr. M. J. Bent, a classmate; Dr. Harold D. West, president of Meharry, and the Rev. E. B. Looper.

The obituary and other notices of sympathy were read by Mrs. J. T. Brown, a solo, "Around the Great White Throne," was sung by Mrs. S. E. Tate.

Recessional Ends Program

A solo by the Rev. Jerome I. Wright and the recessional "Flee As a Bird" concluded the funeral program.

Honorary pallbearers included members of the Boyd Medical Society, the Volunteer State Medical Society and the faculty of Meharry.

Flower ladies were auxiliary members of the two medical socieites.

Five Sons Survive

Active pallbearers were: B. F. Hudson, E. W. Williams, H. E. Clark, Doctors R. T. Smith, J. W. Bright and W. M. Grant.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include: His wife Mrs. Thelma Richardson; five small sons, Henry Jr., Howard, Melvin, Moses and Neal Richardson; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Richardson Davis; two brothers, Dr. M. A. Richardson, Akron, Ohio, and P. S. Richardson, Indianapolis, Ind.; two nieces, Mrs. Mary Cotton, Nashville, and Miss Mary Louise Richardson, Indianapolis.

BOB CHURCH IS DEAD; FORMER NEGRO BOSS

Republican Political Leader Left Here In 1938 When His Power Waned

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Bob Church, for many years the most widely known Negro in Memphis, died unexpectedly late yesterday.

Although he had been away from Memphis since 1938 and a generation had grown up to whom his name was strange, he was back home in Memphis when he died—at Lumpkins Hotel on Vance. He was 57.

Was Widely Known

Robert R. Church was the most powerful figure in Memphis Republican affairs for decades, including Republican national administrations when the postmaster's office and many other Federal Building offices were filled from Republican ranks. He was a familiar figure at Republican National Conventions and was widely known among politicans of both parties.

He has lived in Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago since leaving Memphis and continued to appear on the political scene at intervals. He was at the Tennessee Republican Convention in Nashville April 2, after which he came to Memphis.

While talking to Matthew Thornton, "Mayor of Beale Street," on the telephone yesterday he had a fainting spell. Death came about 5:30 p.m.

Father Was Wealthy

His father, Robert R. Church Sr., was sometimes said by friends to have been "the first Negro in the United States to become a millionaire." He had a taxi business, acquired extensive rental real estate and helped establish Memphis' first Negro bank. A former slave, he died in 1912, leaving an estate of about $700,000.

Bob Church was the son of his third marriage.

Late in the depression years, a City of Memphis campaign against tax delinquencies resulted in loss of the remaining Bob Church property.

He gave up his Beale Street office with the walls lined with photographs of nationally known figures, including signed pictures of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding and Coolidge.

His name still figured in Republican politics, but less frequently in recent years.

S. W. Qualls & Co. is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Heart Attack Claims Life Of Famous 65-Year-Old Leader

Despite the frequent threats of inclement weather, the Chapel of the T. H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home was jammed Sunday with persons of both races attending the simple last rites for R. R. (Bob) Church, Jr., who died here Thursday evening during a brief visit.

Mr. Church, perhaps the nation's most widely known Negro in political affairs and the son of the race's first millionaire, passed of a heart attack which started during a telephone conversation he was holding from his Lumpkin Hotel room with Matthew Thornton, the "Mayorf of Beale Street."

HEARD HIM GASPING

According to Mr. Thornton, the two men were talking of political matters when the conversation discontinued from Mr. Church's end of the line. Listening closely, Mr. Thornton stated that he was able to hear Mr. Church gasping for breath.

Hastily severing the connection, Mr. Thornton called the management of the Lumpkin Hotel and Frank Scott, who had been talking with Mr. Church previously, went into the room and found him.

An ambulance from the S. W. Qualls Funeral Home was dispatched and was on its way with Mr. Church to the emergency clinic at John Gaston Hospital when Mr. Church expired at about five p. m.

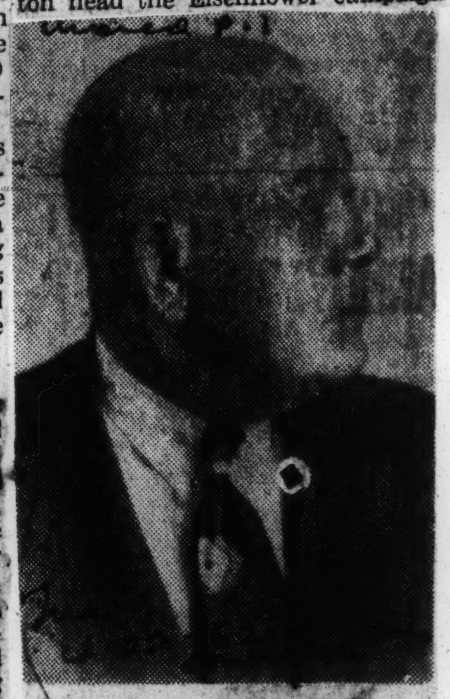
There was an unconfirmed report earlier in the day that Mr. Church had an attack on the street and was taken to his hotel room. Mr. Thornton stated that because of this report, he asked about the state of Mr. Church's health several times in their telephone conversation.

IN TOWN TWO WEEKS

Mr. Church had been in Memphis, the home of his birth, for two weeks-having come here direcly after the Tennessee Republican Convention in Nashville. Although he stated that he was here primarily to rest and renew acquaintances, he was also i ed in feeling out the local po sentiment.

In a Saturday interview with t Memphis World, Mr. Church h declared himself as supporting General Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential nomination. He said that it was his opinion, after making several contacts, that the local Negro populace was not in favor of Senator Taft.

His conversation with Mr. Thornton centered around this matter and he had asked that Mr. Thornton head the Eisenhower campaign



R. R. (Bob) CHURCH

in this region. During his interview with the Memphis World, he revealed that he was in correspondence with the Eisenhower backers and felt confident that the General, if elected, would take a militant stand for human rights.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Immediately upon notification of his death; his daughter, Miss S. Roberta Church, and his sister, Miss Annette Church, left their Chicago home, arriving here Friday morning.

T. H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home was placed in charge of all arrangements, and the momentous task of informing all of Mr. Church's associates all over the nation was undertaken.

The funeral services were very simple - lasting approximately a half hour. The Rev. St. Julian A. Simpkins conducted the services and was assisted by the Guild of St. Vincent for Acolytes of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of which he is pastor.

The brief program included a vocal solo: "I've Done My Work," by Miss Marylin Watkins. The active pall-bearers were: Dr. B. B. Martin, Dr. W. O. Speight, Dr. O. B. Braithwaite, Fred Hutchins, H. H. Ateman (all of Memphis) and Bert M. Roddy of Chicago.

The list of honorary pall-bearers included: Mayor Matthew Thornton, Memphis; Rev. S. A. Owen, Memphis; Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis; the Honorable William L. Dawson, Chicago; Dr. J. B. Martin, Chicago; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Washington.

Thurman Dodson, Washington, A. Phillip Randolph, New York; Theodore A. Brown, New York, A. B. Owens, New York; Dr. Carter Marshall, New Haven, Connecticut; William C. Hueston, Washington; William A. Booker, Chicago and Thomas Lumpkin, Dr. W. S. Martin, I. J. Graham, Frank Scott, Henry Shepard, Thomas H. Hayes, Jr. Dr. Thomas H. Watkins and Will Owens, all of Memphis.

MESSAGES, REMEMBRANCES

Despite the current telegraph strike, messages of condolence were sent from notables all over the country. Guy Gabrielson, chairman of the National Republican Party, described him as "a distinguished American" in his wire.

A. Phillip Randolph expressed "Shock beyond description" in offering his sympathy to the bereft. Wires were also received from Congressman Dawson, Roy Wilkins, Senator Waynes Morse, Senator enry Cabot Lodge, Rep. Hugh Scott and hosts of other prominent men and women of the nation.

Interment of the remains was in the Church family mausoleum at Elmwood Cemetery. The son of the former Mississippi river boat slave came to rest in the town from which he never changed his legal residence.

COLORFUL HISTORY

Born in Memphis 65 years ago, "Bob" Church, Jr., enjoyed a colorful history. With an inheritance from his father estimated at over one million dollars, he used his life as a proof of the power it was possible for a wealthy Negro to hold in the south.

His money was spent in politics and through-out the pattern of didates and proteges were elected or appointed to office, Church would "he who pays the fiddler calls the tune" was evident. When his can accept no money but maintained his independence.

During his career, he has been responsible for the appointment of one federal judge, one local postmaster(and the dissappointment of a postmaster general) and many others on both a local and national scale.

Aside from the two Misses Church, he is survived by another sister, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington; and Mrs. Marie Wright Smith, also of Washington, a cousin.

A past Grand Exalted Ruler of the IBPOE of W, Church was principally instrumental in removing an injunction against Negro Elks in Tennessee. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a graduate of Oberlin) (Ohio) College and an Episcopalian.

During his political career, he was a West Tennessee delegate to every Republican National Convention from 1912 through 1940.

Hold Funeral For Ex-Fisk U. Science Prof.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Funeral services for Thomas Washington Talley, science professor emeritus at Fisk University who had been identified with the institution as student and faculty member for nearly half a century, were held this week at Fisk Union Chapel.

The Rev. T. M. Brumfield officiated, with musical services directed by John W. Work. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Tally, who retired as professor of chemistry in 1938, died July 11 at Hubbard Hospital.

BORN SHORTLY after the Civil War near Shelbyville, Tenn., he attended both high school and college at Fisk.

From 1902 to 1938 he served on the faculty at Fisk, where he was professor of chemistry. He also had taught at Alcorn College in Mississippi; Florida A. and M. in Tallahassee, and Tuskegee Institute where he taught under Booker T. Washington at one time.

He was author of "Negro Folk Rhymes" which dealt with the origin and significance of many Negro folk tunes. At the time of his death he was making a study of cosmic history.

Survivers include two daughters, Sonoma Talley of Nashville and Thomasina Talley of Jefferson City, Mo., and two grandsons.

Bob Church, GOP Head, Dead At 67

By L. ALEX WILSON

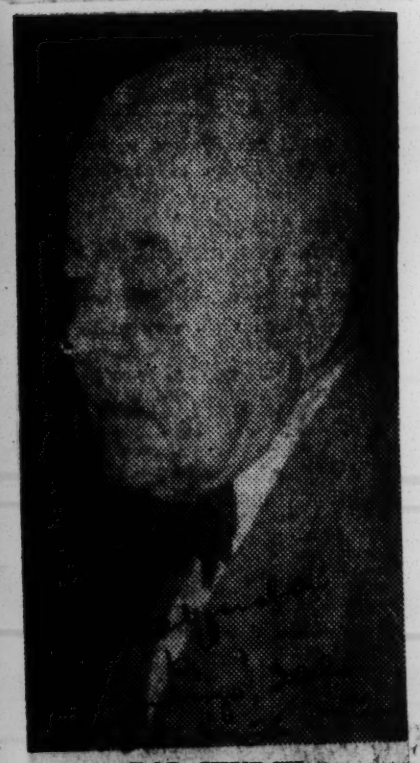
MEMPHIS Tenn. — Final rites for Robert R. Church, former Republican bulwark in Memphis and throughout the country, were held at T. H. Hayes and Son funeral chapel here Sunday with Father St. Julian Simpkins officiating.

Some of the nation's top political leaders were among those attending the services. The one-time boss of Negro Republican politics was buried in the family mausoleum in the exclusive Elmwood cemetery here.

The noted 67-year-old politician collapsed in the lobby of the Lumpkin hotel here early last Thursday and died in his hotel room late the same afternoon. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Memphis, Mr. Church had resided in Chicago for several years.

Thomas L. Lumpkin, owner of the hotel, said he and a maid assisted the stricken man back to his room after he collapsed in the lobby.



BOB CHURCH

Lumpkin said Mr. Church refused a doctor's service, stating that "I'll be all right."

Lumpkin said he went back to the room about 1:30 p.m. and the politician told him he was "feeling all right." Mr. Church asked to be called at 4 p.m., Lumpkin said, because of an appointment later in the evening.

Talking to Matthew Thornton, "Mayor of Beale Street," by telephone, Mr. Church collapsed again. Death came about 5:30 p.m.

He had just attended the state GOP conference in Nashville. It was the first time he had been seen in political circles since 1936.

Chosen delegate from Tennessee to the Republican National Conventions of 1912, 1916, 1920 and 1924, Mr. Church had full charge of the Party's activities with regard to the colored electorate during the presidential campaign of 1920. During the Coolidge campaign in 1924, he was a member of the advisory committee.

Active pallbearers were Dr. J. B. Martin, W. O. Speight, O. D. Braithwaite, Fred Hutchins of Memphis, Henry L. Johnson of Washington and Bert Roddy of Chicago.

Honorary pallbearers included Dr. Martin, Cong. William L. Dawson, Thurmond Dodson of Washington, A. Phillip Randolph, Theodore A. Brown, A. B. Owens of New York, Blair T. Hunt of Memphis, Matthew Thornton, mayor of Memphis; Rev. S. A. Owen, Dr. Thomas H. Watkins, and Will Owens of Memphis.

Mr. Church was a former communicant of Emanuel Episcopal church. For many years, before leaving here in 1938, Mr. Church was the most powerful figure in Tennessee Republican politics. A close friend of Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge and of Will Hays, former chairman of the Republican National Committee and former Postmaster General, the politician named federal marshals, United States attorneys, collectors of Internal Revenue, postmasters and other federal officials.

One of the bitterest political fights in which Mr. Church engaged was over the appointment of a postmaster in Memphis while Hays was Postmaster General.

One of his opponents boarded a train here with a commission as the Memphis postmaster in his pocket, but when he reached Chattanooga he received a telegram revoking his commission.

The GOP leader's father died in 1912, leaving an estate valued at about $700,000, a good portion of it in Memphis real estate.

Mr. Church leaves a daughter, Miss Roberta Church of Chicago; two sisters, Miss Annette Church, Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington; four cousins, Mrs. Marie Wright Smith, Miss Violet Wright and Mrs. Blanche Wright Nelson of Washington, and Harry Wright of Millville, N. J.

Dr. Richardson, Physician In Tenn. 35 Years, Buried

By W. A. REED Jr.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Final rites for Dr. Reuben L. Richardson, a practicing physician here for more than 35 years, were held at his residence, Wednesday. A brief eulogy by Dr. Ralph W. Riley, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, was given at the half-hour service for the physician. Musical selections were given by John W. Work, head of the Fisk University Music School; Mrs. Emma G. Hynes, Miss Ida Robinson and members of the choir of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Richardson

Dr. Richardson was the second son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Reuben B. Richardson of Nashville. He attended Fisk University and was graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1914. He began his practice in East Nashville shortly after his graduation.

Wife Survives

Following a short time in East Nashville, he moved his offices to 12th and Charlotte Aves., and there practiced medicine for more than a quarter of a century.

In 1918 he was married to the wife that now survives him, Mrs. Mary J. Richardson. He had been a member of the R. F. Boyd Medical Society and the First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were:

Dr. Oliver L. Hambrick, Henry Gooden, Dr. R. F. Sandford and Dr. L. J. B. Forrester.

He is also survived by a brother, the Rev. Minor Scovel Richardson of Cincinnati, an uncle, Joseph Knowles of Louisville, Ky.; a niece, Mrs. C. J. Walker; and a nephew, M. Scovell Richardson, attorney of St. Louis, Mo.

Interment was at Mt. Arat Cemetery in the family lot; and Williams Gunter and Sons, funeral directors were in charge.

Dr. Case Dies In Knoxville

Was Former Head Of College There

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Dr. Roscoe David Case, interim president at Knoxville College in 1950, were held Tuesday at MacMillan Chapel on the Knoxville College campus.

Dr. Case died here on Friday, Nov. 7, following a long period of illness of serious consequence developing from a stroke which compelled his resignation from the Knoxville College faculty in the spring of this year.

The Rev. Irvin Elligan, pastor of Barton Heights Chapel in Richmond, Va. and former Knoxville College chaplain and pastor of the United Presbyterian Church here, delivered the eulogy.

A native Iowan, Dr. Case had a long record of service in western educational institutions. Many of his early years were spent in the public school systems of Iowa towns, and he ultimately taught on the faculties of eleven universities in six states.

A graduate of the University of Denver and of Stanford University, Dr. Case came to Knoxville in 1949 from Palo Alto, Calif.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Small Case; one daughter. Mrs. Anna Jean Moncrief of Tulsa, Okla.; his mother, Mrs. A. A. Case of Duncome, Iowa; and two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Daniels of Dumcome and Mrs. T. G. Timmons of Lehigh, Iowa.

Dr. Henry D. Richardson, Physician And Meharry Faculty Member, Succumbs

Dr. Henry Dee Richardson, 1921 graduate of Meharry Medical College, member of the Meharry faculty and a practicing physician in Nashville for more than thirty years, died Thursday of last week in a local infirmary.

He lived at 712 12th Ave., S.

A native of Nashville Dr. Richard was well known in this city by hundreds of former students of Meharry with whom he had come in contact in his capacity as professor of clinical medicine. He was graduate at Fisk University, prior to finishing his medical training at Meharry.

Dr. Richardson was a prominent and useful member of Spruce Street Baptist Church and final rites for him were held from that church on Monday afternoon of this week.

Surviving Dr. Richardson are his widow, Mrs. Thelma M. Richardson; five sons, Henry, Jr., Howard, Melvin, Moses and Neil Richardson; sister, Mrs. Carrie Richardson Davis; brothers, Dr. M. A. Richardson, Akron, Ohio; and Mr. P. S. Richardson of Indianapolis; nieces, Mrs. Marry Cotton, Miss Mary Louise Richardson of Indianapolis; and others ,several nephews and other relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. A. M. Townsend, and the pastor, Rev. F. M. Grimmett. Professional associates of Dr. Richardson, including members of the Meharry faculty served as honorary pallbearers; active pallbearers were Deacons B. F. Hudson, E. W. Williams and H. E. Clark; Drs. R. T. Smith, J. M. Bright and W. M. Grant and Prof. J. A. Galloway.

Davis & Campbell had charge of the funeral arrangements. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Touching Rites Held Jan. 26 For Mrs. Agnes Thompson

Copious tears of grief flowed alike from the eyes of relatives and friends of both races at the funeral of Mrs. Agnes (Mammy) Thompson, held Saturday of last week, at the home of the sister-in-law of the deceased, Mrs. Ida M. Baker, 1833 Scovel Street. This was because Mrs. Thompson, an octogenarian, was an unusual person in many ways, but principally because she had, over a long period of years, endeared herself to members of both races, as well as to her own relatives.

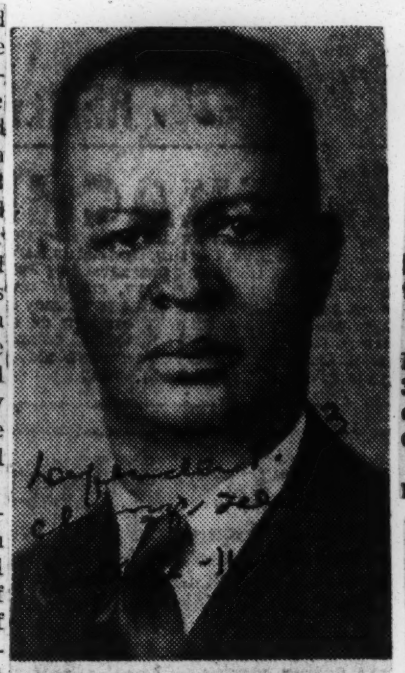
There were few of her closest kin alive at the time of her passing on Wednesday night, January 23, but the overflow crowd at the home, where she had lived for the past seven years, attested the love that all who knew her had for this beloved woman.

She had served in the home of the late Mr. Sol Cline, white, for a period of 49 years. In this home she became the typical "mammy" of a memorable tradition. To her was entrusted the duty of rearing the several children of the home. She did this so well that these children even after reaching adulthood honored her according to the Scriptural admonition. This devotion lasted until her death; it lasted through the touching funeral services; it lasted until the remains of the good woman were laid to rest Saturday afternoon in Greenwood Cemetery. Floral designs and messages of condolence to her loved ones attested the esteem in which she was held.

The funeral program consisted of some lovely singing by the junior choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church; scripture and prayer by the Rev. Richard Otey, assistant pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church; a brief eulogy by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. B. Ridley of Mt. Olive Baptist Church; a solo by Dea Joseph S. Moore of Mt. Olive. All of these numbers were appropriate. But the out-of-the- ordinary number on the program was the tribute paid the deceased by one of her nieces. It was a recital of Mrs. Thompson's life and work in the farm of an original poem composed by Mrs. Phynetta [illegible] Nellis, supervisor of art in the Nashville public schools. The poem was read with splendid effect by Mrs. Myrtle W. Thompson, teacher in Meigs Junior High School. This recital of the life of a good woman who found joy in her work of rearing children in the home of her employer and of becoming in time the respected "ruler" of the home; who loved her church, giving it her attendance and financial support as long as she was physically able to do so, was a story that nearly all of those in the congregation could appreciate and praise. All were able to bestow upon Mrs. Agnes Thompson the benediction, "Servant of God, Well Done."

A native of Pulaski, Mrs. Thompson had lived most of her life in Nashville. The beautiful funeral arrangements were in charge of Scales-Danner-Scales by choice of the good woman, whose wishes regarding her funeral were carried out by her loved ones, white and colored, according to her request.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Mrs. Elnora Allen and Mrs. Ida M. Baker; five nieces, Mrs. Addie Taylor, Mrs. Hazel B. Williams, Mrs. Mattie Mae Boyd, Mrs. Agnes Green and Mrs. Phynetta Nellis; three great-nieces, Phynetta Williams, Merle Crowder and J'meme Boyd; two devoted white friends, both of whom she had charge of in their early lives—Mrs. Helen Schweizer and her brother, Mr. Louis B. Cline; other relatives and a host of friends.



HEART ATTACK FATAL. Director of the "Jackie Robinson Red Shield Boys Club," in Johnson City, Tenn., 55-year-old Ulysses Oliver dies of a heart attack following an illness of three years. Active in religious and masonic affairs, Oliver was president of the Johnson City branch NAACP and a member of the Interracial Committee for Girl Scouts. Funeral services were held at St. Paul AME Zion church, where Oliver was a member of the board of trustees. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. E. S. Oliver; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, of Jackson, Miss., and two brothers and four sisters. Burial was in West Lawn cemetery.

Late Tom Lee Was Hero Of Tragic Steamer Sinking

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(ANP)—All of Memphis, Negro and white, paid final tribute last week to the late Tom Lee, 67, hero of the tragic sinking of the steamer M. E. Norman 27 years ago.

Funeral services were held for Lee, Friday. He died Monday, March 31, at his home as a result of years of illness. Death was caused by cancer.

He earned the homage of Memphis because of his work to save 31 white persons from death in the Mississippi river. Among the persons he saved were some of today's leading citizens in Memphis.

Among the many noted persons who paused last week to pay final tribute to Lee were several survivors of the ill-fated ship which sank in the muddy waters of the Mississippi.

Some of them served as honorary pallbearers at his funeral.

Services for the legendary figure were held in Friendship Baptist Church where Lee had been a member for many years. Burial was in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

City Engineer William B. Fowler, veteran member of the Engineers club, which out of appreciation for Lee's heroic feat has looked out for Lee's welfare for many years, aided in the funeral arrangements.

The tragic sinking happened on the Mississippi river some 16 miles below Memphis on May 8, 1925. — About 72 persons were aboard the Norman, a United States engineers steamboat, when it sank. Some 23 drowned and of those who made their way to the shore 31 were picked up by Lee who chanced to be traveling on the river in small motor boat.

The Norman, carrying women and children, suddenly overturned after a trip to inspect levee work at Cow Island Bend. Lee made three trips to the shore carrying persons whom he snatched from a drowning death in the Mississippi.

Among the noted persons who owe their lives to Lee are Col. and Mrs. Garner W. Miller, and Mrs. Hugo N. Dixon, the wife of the president of the Memphis Cotton Carnival. Of Lee's rescue of her, Mrs. Dixon said:

"I was swimming in the river some distance downstream from the overturned Norman, when Tom Lee ran his motorboat beside me and pulled me aboard.

"I guess it was the yellow dress that I was wearing that caused him to see me. I was the last person he rescued on his third and last trip."

The Engineers club of Memphis, which sponsored the boat excursion as part of the convention of the Mid-South section of the American society of Civil Engineers, never forgot Lee and was his benefactor for the rest of his life.

Among the rewards which Lee received for his heroic feat were a new home, a job with the city which he held until he was retired on a generous pension.

Each year the Engineers club played Santa Claus to Lee and his wife, Margaret. When his illness required an operation two years ago money was made available.

Other honors which came to Lee as a result of his saving so many lives included:

A trip to Washington and an introduction to President Calvin Coolidge at the White House; the naming of a Negro swimming pool in North Memphis after him, and many gifts from the women and men whose lives he saved.

Cause of the Norman's overturning was never definitely established.

All members of the Engineers club were honorary pallbearers at the funeral. Another honorary pallbearer was Sam L. Kahn, Sunday editor of the Commercial Appeal, a daily newspaper, Kahn as city editor of this newspaper was active in raising a fund for the new home for Lee.

Tom Lee Saved 31 On Steamer

MEMPHIS — Tom Lee, who's heroism on the choppy waters of the muddy Mississippi river 27 years ago enabled 31 passengers of the ill-fated steamer M. E. Norman to cheat death, was buried here Friday, with several of the survivors on hand to pay last

tribute.

Lee, who was 67, was by chance traveling upstream in a small motorboat when the Norman, a United States Engineers steamboat with 72 persons aboard, sank 16 miles below Memphis May 8, 1925.

Twenty-three persons were drowned and Lee made three trips to carry 31 floundering passengers to safety.

The Norman and the Choctaw, another Government boat, had taken a party of engineers and their guests, including many women and children, to inspect levee work at Cow Island Bend.

Rewards were heaped upon Lee for his part in the dramatic rescue. The Engineers club of Memphis, in cooperation with the Commercial Appeal, raised a fund to buy a home for the hero. Lee was given a job with the city, which he held until his retirement.

Lee visited the White House and was introduced to President Coolidge. A swimming pool in North Memphis was named in his honor and the men and women whose lives he saved continued to write him for years and flood him with gifts.

The well-remembered hero of a quarter century ago fell victim to cancer and had been a patient at a local hospital until his illness proved hopeless.

His widow, Margaret, was assisted by City Engineer William B. Fowler, veteran member of the Engineer club, in making the funeral arrangements. All members of the club were honorary pallbearers.

Those who knew of and lived because of his bravery say the legend of Tom Lee will live on.

Tom Lee, Negro Who Saved 31 When Boat Sank, Dies At 67

They're going to bury Tom Lee, Negro hero of the tragic sinking of the steamer M. E. Norman, Friday and members of the Engineers Club of Memphis—including several whose lives were among the 31 he saved from the muddy waters of the Mississippi River 27 year ago—will be honorary pall bearers at his funeral.

Lee, who was 67, died at 6:30 a.m. yesterday at his home, 923 Mansfield, after a long illness caused by cancer. Until his illness proved hopeless, he was a patient at John Gaston Hospital.

Services will be some time Friday (the exact hour has not yet been decided) at Friendship Baptist Church, Vollintine and Randle, where Lee had been a faithful member for many years. Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

The body, now at R. S. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home, 374 Vance, will be at the church from 6:30 to 10:30 Thursday night to permit both white and Negro friends to pay their farewell respects.

Assisting Margaret Lee, the widow, in making funeral arrangements yesterday with City Engineer William B. Fowler, veteran member of the Engineers Club, of which To Lee had long been a protege out of appreciation for his heroism.

"It has been my privilege for 27 years, along with men like James M. Wood, vice president of Choctaw, Inc., and Col. Garner W. Miller of the United States Engineers, to look after Tom Lee's welfare," Mr. Fowler said.

"Tom was modest and unassuming, and appreciative of everything that was done for him. I am grateful that there was a Negro like Tom Lee."

The Norman, a United States Engineers steamboat, sank in the Mississippi River 16 miles below Memphis May 8, 1925. Seventy-two persons were aboard, 23 were drowned and of those who made their way to the shore 31 were picked up by Lee who chanced to be traveling upstream in a small motorboat owned by a levee contractor by whom he was employed.

Suddenly Capsized

The Norman and the Choctaw, another Government steamboat, had taken a party of engineers and their guests, including many women and children, to inspect levee work at Cow Island Bend.

On the return trip the Norman, steaming far behind the Choctaw, suddenly overturned and sank. Lee, who was a short distance upstream, quickly headed his motorboat into the mass of struggling and drowning men, women and children and snatched 31 of them from the water. These he hurried to shore in three trips, returning each time for more.

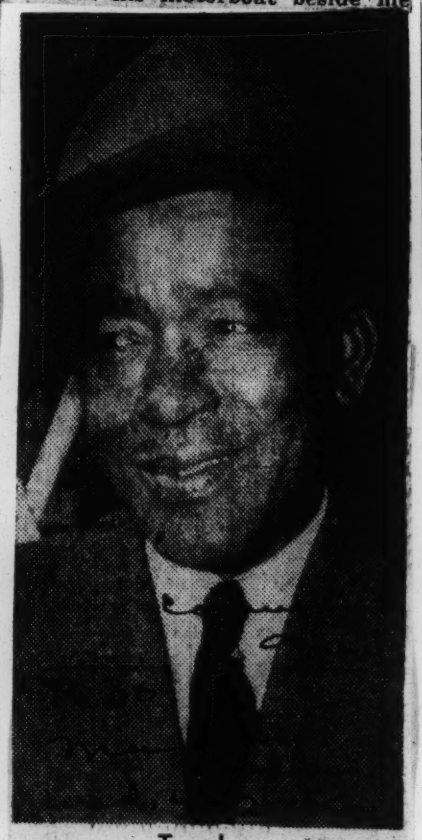
"It seemed that Tom Lee just came out of nowhere," Colonel Miller, now retired from the Army but still a civilian executive at the United States Engineers base at West Memphis, said yesterday.

"I was hanging onto an overturned lifeboat and Mrs. Miller was astride it when Lee picked us up. He didn't say a word, he just pulled us into his motorboat with other survivors and hurried us to shore. Then he raced his motorboat back into the river to pick up more victims."

Another Recalls Rescue

Mrs. Hugo N. Dixon, 4339 Park, now the wife of the president of the Memphis Cotton Carnival, but at that time Miss Margaret Oates, was another whom Lee rescued.

"I was swimming in the river, some distance downstream from the overturned Norman, when Tom Lee ran his motorboat beside me and pulled me aboard," Mrs. Dixon said yesterday. "I guess it was the yellow dress that I was wearing that caused him to see me. I was the last person he rescued on his third and last trip."



Tom Lee

The Engineers Club of Memphis had sponsored the boat excursion as part of the convention of the Mid-South Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The club never forgot Tom Lee's heroism.

Soon after the tragedy the club, in co-operation with The Commercial Appeal, raised a fund to buy a home for the hero. Largely through Mr. Fowler's efforts, Lee was given a job with the city, which he continued to hold until he was retired on a generous pension. Each Christmas the club played Santa Claus to Lee and his wife, and when his illness required an operation two years ago the necessary money was promptly forthcoming.

Pool Bears His Name

At the height of his fame, Lee was taken to Washington and introduced to President Coolidge at the White House. A Negro swimming pool in North Memphis was named in his honor. Men and women whose lives he had saved from the river continued to write him for years, and many sent generous gifts.

Mr. Fowler, city engineer then as now, was not a victim of the disaster as he was aboard the Choctaw. Passengers on the Choctaw, traveling far ahead of the Norman, did not know of the sinking until the Choctaw landed at Memphis.

The cause of the Norman's overturning was never definitely established.

All members of the Engineers Club will be honorary pallbearers at Tom Lee's funeral Friday. Among them will be Mr. Fowler, Colonel Miller, Mr. Wood and A. S. Fry, now a TVA engineer at Knoxville, who was among those rescued. Another honorary pallbearer will be Sam L. Kahn, Sunday editor of The Commercial Appeal, who, as city editor of this newspaper, was active in raising the fund for the home for Tom Lee—the house in which death found him yesterday, 27 years after his heroic deed.

Noted Lane Educator Dies Suddenly At Home; Was 46

JACKSON, Tenn. — Impressive funeral rites were conducted Saturday morning for Richard H. Sewell Lane College dean of instruction and chairman of the division of education, who died suddenly at his home Thursday night.

The widely known educator was 46-years-old. He was born in Berksville, Kentucky, and attended Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky. Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, and Indiana University where he was scheduled to have completed requirements for the doctorate degree this summer.

Dean Sewell served in the United States Army during World War II, during which time he attained the rank of first lieutenant.

He taught for a number of years in the public school system at Glasglow, Ky. Prior to assuming duties at Lane College, he was associate professor of education at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

Dean Sewell had been one of the central figures at Lane College, coming here some four years ago, he had the esteem and respect of all whom he associated with both in educational and religious circles. In 1950 he served as acting president of the college, until President C. A. Kirkdendoll, Lane's present head was elected.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lottie Cox Sewell, a son, Richard Houston Sewell, mother, Mrs. Susie E. Sewell of Buffalo, N. Y., sister, Mrs Zella Robinson also of Buffalo, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at St Paul CME Church with the Rev. E. T. Brown, officiating. The body was forwarded to Bowling Green, Kentucky for burial.

Kin Mourn Church—Immediate members of the Robert R. Church family sit grief-stricken as the the casket of the great Republican leader is entombed in Memphis, Tenn., April 20. Left to right, in front row, sit: Mrs. Annette Church of Chicago, his sister; Dr. J. B. Martin of Chicago, life-long friend and companion of the late Mr. Church; Miss Roberta Church of Chicago, his daughter, and Mrs. Marie Wright Smith and Mrs. Blanche Wright Nelson, cousins of the late Mr. Church, both of whom live in Washington, D. C.—Ernest Withers Photo.

Simple Ceremony Attends Memphis Burial of Greatest Republican Leader

Bob Church's Death Ends a Political Era

Robert Church, GOP Leader, Laid to Rest

By NAT D. WILLIAMS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—In a brief, beautifully simple ceremony, the last rites were said Sunday for one of Memphis' and the Mid-South's greatest political personalities, the Hon. Robert R. Church Jr., who died here in his home town suddenly April 17 at 5 P. M. from a heart attack.

Nationally known figures in politics, business and civic activities expressed their sentiments of regret at his unexpected death either by their presence at the funeral, or through the medium of telegrams and letters.

One of the telegrams read during the short ceremonies was from Gov. Dwight Gabrielson, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The Rev. St. Julian A. Simpkins Jr., rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, where the Church family had long worshipped while living in Memphis, delivered the brief eulogy.

The ceremony was held in the chapel of the T. H. Hayes and Sons, morticians. The body was placed in the family mausoleum in exclusixe Elmwood Cemetery, where Memphis' most outstanding white and Negro leaders are interred.

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MR. CHURCH's death came as a shock to the thousands of persons who knew him throughout the country. It particularly stunned Memphians. He had been in the city around ten days, following attendance at the Tennessee Republican party convention in Nashville, Tenn., where he assisted Negro party members and their supporters in retaining influential places in the state's party machinery.

He came to Memphis, his native home for a brief rest. He had been living away from Memphis since 1936, but he continued to maintain a home here.

The political leader was regarded as the South's and one of the nation's greatest political strategists. He was a confidante of Republican Presidents such as Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover. He had intimate contacts with Senators and Congressmen, and for years was the patronage dispenser for West Tennessee.

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MANY OF the white and Negro Federal office-holders whom he helped get appointed were present at his funeral Sunday.

The local press, Negro and white, paid glowing tribute to him, reviewing his career, and generally emphasizing the fact that he was one of the nation's greatest political figures.

They noted that he had never accepted remuneration for his political influence. That he had spent much of the personal fortune he had inherited from his millionaire father to help in state and national campaigns. He directed most of his political activities from his office at 394 Beale Avenue, while living in Memphis. After leaving the city he continued active in politics from such centers as Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill. and Washington, D. C.

Present for his funeral Sunday were his daughter, Miss Roberta Church, and his sister, Miss Annette Church of Chicago; two cousins, Mrs. Marie Wright Smith and Mrs. Blanch Wright Nelson of Washington.

Hundreds of former Memphis friends and old acquaintances, as well as many of the curious to whom his name was legend, thronged to Hayes Chapel and the grounds of Elmwood Cemetery to see one of the last of the old-line Republican stalwarts being laid to rest.

His death wrote finis to one of the most remarkable political careers in American history.

Active pallbearers were Drs. B. B. Martin, W. O. Speight and O. B. Braithwaite, Fred Hutchins and Henry H. Ateman, all of Memphis, and Bert M. Roddy and Dr. J. B. Martin of Chicago.

Honorary pallbearers were Matthew Thornton Sr., the Revs. S. A. Owen and Blair Hunt, Memphis; Congressman William L. Dawson, Chicago; Attys. Henry Lincoln Johnson Jr., and Thurman Dodson, Washington, D. C.; A. Philip Randolph, Theodore A. Brown and A. B. Owens of New York City; Dr. Carter A. Marshall, New Haven, Conn.; Judge William C. Hueston, Washington, D. C.; William A. Booker, Chicago; Dr. W. S. Martin, Thomas Lumpkin, I. J. Graham, Frank Scott, Henry Shepard, Thomas H. Hayes Jr., Will Owens and Dr. Thoma H. Watkins, all of Memphis.

Joins His Parents—Sorrowing pallbearers gently carry the last remains of the late Robert R. Church Jr. into the church mausoleum in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn., where the greatest of all Negro Republican leaders is laid to rest beside his mother and father.—Withers Photo.

Prof. R.L. Isaacs Dies

Educator Had Been Ill For Several Weeks

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HOUSTON — Texans are deeply grieved over the death of Prof. Rollin Lee Isaacs, who unselfishly rendered more than a half-century of service to humanity. Death came to the noted educator - fraternalist 10:10 Sunday morning at his home 2615 Delano where he had been confined for the past four weeks. Previously he had been confined for four weeks at the Houston Negro Hospital. At his bedside during the time of death were, his widow; his son, R. L. Isaacs, Jr., Mrs. L. L. Lockhart, Sister; Mrs. Jessie P. Middleton, his niece who was also his nurse; and Mrs. Williams Isaacs, daughter-in-law.

The beloved educator a native of Oakland, Texas, was the son of the late Mr and Mrs. William Isaacs and received his early training in the Oakland schools. He completed his training at Prairie View Normal in 1893 and received a B.S. at Prairie View in 1926. Several years of matriculation was spent at the University of Chicago.

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BANKER- EDUCATOR

Prof. Isaacs launched his teaching career at Prairie View in 1900, where he was dean of men and was also the first cashier at the Prairie View College Bank. He remained at Prairie View until 1921 and it was in this year when he accepted a position as cashier in Atlanta, Georgia's Citizens Bank and Trust Company. Within the year he advanced to the executive positions of secretary - treasurer at the bank and treasurer of the Standard Life Insurance Company.

ATHERTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

After one year in Atlanta, Prof. Isaacs returned to Texas, where he later became principal of the Chas. Atherton Elementary school on Schweikhart, whose commendable reputation was molded through his work. His retirement from the school in 1945 was regretted by thousands of the patrons. The colorful pioneer was a member of the greatest brother-sister team in the Houston Public School System, only two years ago, his sister, Mrs. M. E. B. Isaacs-Mainer, retired from Booker Washington High school, where she was director of Dramatics for more than a quarter-century.

HIGH FRATERNAL RANKS

Prof. Isaacs was a 32 degree Mason, F. and A.M and was recently relieved of duties of District Deputy Grandmaster because of illness. He was Grand Joshua of the Heroines of Jericho and was closely affiliated with the Order of Eastern Star. The prominent Isaacs family celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Prof. and Mrs. Isaacs only last year. Mrs. Isaacs - Mainer released to the Informer Monday the original copy of a beautiful tribute written by Ralph W. Isaacs of Kansas City, to his father upon a recent visit to his bedside. Mr. Isacs a well-known arranger of music gave the copy to his aunt for critixm and it was slated to have been printed in the Informer as a surprise to the ailing educator, but unfortunately death cheated him of reading the divinely beautiful lines.

A VIVID TRIBUTE

The vivid and realistic tribute portrays the very essence of the name, R.L. Isaacs, Sr they are:

When you have lived so well, all your efforts shine as did the Star of Bethlehem; When you have gained the fortune of love through unsung deeds by which scores have profited; When you've acquired some earthly good, not at the heads of men, but humbly at their feet; Whenn you have lived at the feet of humanity lifting them and me, God himself could demand no more.

-This is your life to me, Ralph W. Isaacs

DR. J. S. SCOTT TO OFFICIATE

Dr. J.S. Scott, president of Wiley College and former pastor of Trinity East Methodist church, will officiate at the rites, which are scheduled to be held at the church, 3:30 p.m. Friday. Dr. Scott will be assisted by Reverend L. B. Felder, pastor of the church. Prof. Isaacs was recognized as a distinguished prelate and served as treasurer of the church The body will lie in state at the Isaacs residence from 9 until 3. Funeral arrangements are under the directions of the Fairchild Morturary. Interment will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Other survivors are William Isaacs, dental technician, son; Ralph Waldo Isaacs, Jr.. grandson, who is serving with the Armed Forces in Korea. A number of Nephews, nieces and other relative are also included among survivors.

Rites For Popular Business Man

W. M. Pollard, Insurance Executive, Dies Suddenly

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PORTSMOUTH — Funeral services were scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday for William McKinley Pollard, manager of the Norfolk office of the Richmond Beneficial Insurance company, who died Friday while on a business trip to Richmond. P. 7

The services will be conducted by the Rev. O. C. Jones, pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and the Rev. C. C. Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sherwood place, at Colden's Funeral Home, 1340 County street, Portsmouth.

MR. POLLARD, who had been employed by Richmond Beneficial for the past 20 years as agent, assistant manager and manager, was in Richmond attending a manager's conference at the time that he was fatally stricken.

He had been manager of the Norfolk office of his company for the past three years and in addition was known to many residents of Portsmouth and Norfolk as a result of having been a member of the Metropolitan Band of Portsmouth and the Excelsior Band of Norfolk.

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A NATIVE of Pinners Point, he was a lifelong resident of Portsmouth. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Pollard, who resides at 1408 Hamilton avenue; a daughter, Mrs. Wilma Watts, a son-in-law, two granddaughters and number of other relatives.

Fifty years old at the time of his death, he was named William McKinley after being born on the night of the death of former President William McKinley.

Interment will be in Lincoln Cemetery.

W. M. POLLARD

Virginia Medic Dies; Large Crowd At Rites

PETERSBURG, Va. — (ANP) — Dr. Fitzhugh Lee Brown, prominent Negro physician who had practiced here for 28 years, died last week. Final rites for the deceased were attended by a large crowd.

Dd. 4-7-52

A member of the Old Dominion Medical Society, Dr. Brown was a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois. He was a native of Ruthville, Charles City County, Virginia.

The deceased achieved such success as a physician and civic leader that various civic and educational organizations in the city turned out in full for funeral.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian J. Brown; two sons, Robert H. Brown of Philadelphia and Alvin M. Brown of Baltimore; one sister, Mrs. Ophelia Christian of Ruthville and several nieces and nephews.

Cleric's Death Recalls Election Fraud In 190?

Rev. Burrell, 87, Counted Out In Va. Alderman Race

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NEWARK

An election fraud brazenly perpetrated in Richmond, Va., almost half a century ago, was recalled here Saturday at funeral services for the Rev. William P. Burrell, 87, at Bethany Baptist Church.

Afro-American

The nationally - known minister and militant civil rights crusader, was a candidate for alderman in 1903 in the famous old Jackson Ward in Richmond, which he actually won by about 500 to 600 votes.

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But he was counted out through the old trick of stuffing the ballot boxes, and a white saloon keeper, Jim Bain, was declared elected by the white political bosses.

Faced Intimidation

The Rev. Mr. Burrell told his relatives and friends that he was advised of his election by a Mr. Otis who helped to count the ballots.

Baltimore

He demanded a recount, but when he was threatened with violence (the Ku Klux Klan was active in Virginia then), his own people were so intimidated that they failed to support his claim.

Four years later, in 1907, the minister moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., he later took up residence in East Orange in 1910 then moved to Newark in 1918.

Worked With Pioneers

He was educated in the Richmond public schools where he became a grammar school teacher.

He was closely associated with such famous pioneers as Wendell P. Dabney of Cincinnati, and the late Maggie L. Walker, John Mitchell and the Rev. D. Webster Davis.

Dd. 3-29-52

The Rev. Mr. Burrell was a co-founder and trustee of Moore Street Baptist Church in Richmond for 64 years, and prior to his death had been a member of the Elks for 52 years.

Political Leader

He was also secretary of the United Order of True Reformers and secretary of the Reformers Bank and Trust Co. in Richmond.

In 1915, he helped to organize the Federation of Colored Organizations of New Jersey, one of the most influential political agencies in the 1920's.

The minister was an election official for 23 years for the Fifth District of Newark's Seventh Ward.

Legislative Clerk

He earned the distinction of being the first voter in that district to cast his ballot at each election for 33 consecutive years.

He served as doorkeeper and clerk for the New Jersey Legislature from 1920 to 1933 and became a Baptist minister in 1942.

As an Elk, he served as past grand chaplain, recording secretary, Pride of Newark Lodge, and past grand exalted ruler.

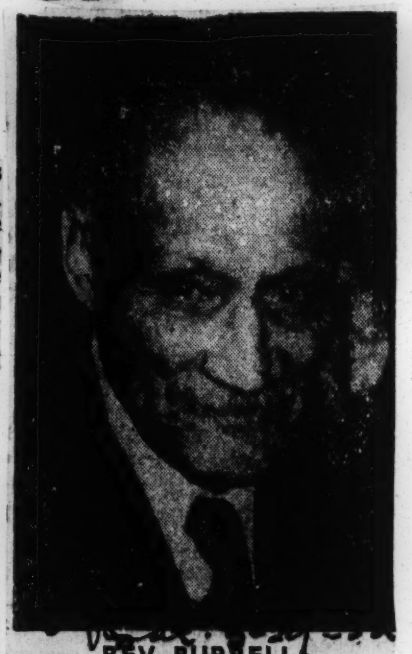
He was a member of numerous religious organizations, the NAACP, Order of St. Luke, Joint Council for Civil Rights, and secretary, North Jersey Civil Liberties League.

Hampton Regent

In Virginia, he was appointed by one of its governors as a member of the old Board of Regents of historic Hampton Institute and was its chairman for 15 years.

The Rev. Mr. Burrell was also a delegate to the Niagara Movement headed by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, forerrunner of the NAACP.

Survivors are two sons, J. Mercer, attorney and former Assemblyman, and William P. Jr., both of Newark; and a sister, Mrs. Martha E. Turner of Washington.



REV. BURRELL

Tennis

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—Dr. John LeRoy McGriff sr., 68, died here last Wednesday morning.

The senior member of the famed Eastern Seabord father-son tennis team, died at his home here after a long illness. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at St. Paul Protestant Episcopal church with the Rev. Richard B. Martin, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal church, officiating.

Dr. McGriff, a native of South Carolina, practiced dentistry here in Portsmouth for more than 40 years. He was a graduate of Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C., and studied dental medicine at Howard university and Meharry school of dentistry.

Dd. 6-21

Before coming to Portsmouth, Dr. McGriff practiced in Wilmington, Del.

Dr. McGriff and his only son, John L. jr., were nationally known for their participation in national tennis tournaments, including the National, Southeastern, Middle Atlantic, District of Columbia Open, and opens in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Playing together since 1933, the father-son team was National and Southeastern champions and runners-up in other doubles.

Final Rites For Dr. McGriff, Tennis Star

PORTSMOUTH — Dr. John Leroy McGriff, Sr., senior partner of the famous father and son Eastern Seaboard tennis team of McGriff and McGriff, was buried in Lincoln Cemetery Saturday afternoon following funeral services at St. James PE Church here.

The nationally known Portsmouth dentist died at his home early last Wednesday morning after a lengthy illness.

THE REV. Richard B. Martin, rector of Norfolk's Grace PE Church, officiated at the services.

The St. James Choir sang "In the Hour of Trial," and "Thy Will Be Done." Organ accompaniment was by George Colden.

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LEROY STEPHENSON, Joseph Rogers, Eugene Johns, Gladstone Booth, David M. Muckle, Thomas Johns, A. T. Edwards, and William Miles, were active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Phillip Belton, A. J. Gostrey, W. E. Waters, R. W. Hester, Cephas Burke, Dr. F. G. Elliott, Dr. W. E. Reid, and Martin Colthrop — all members of the St. James Vestry.

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ATT'Y. JAMES A. Overton, Dr. Hugo A. Owens, William Bowens, Clifton Morgan, and Elmer Watts were the other honorary pall-bearers.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were: George L. Wright, of New York City; Dr. E. D. Downing, of Roanoke, Va.; Misses Sylvia Carty and Lorraine Hamilton, both of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Sylvia Chase (Mrs. McGriff's niece) of Philadelphia; and Abner Davis, of Bluefield, W. Va. Others attended from Newport News, Richmond, Suffolk, and Tidewater communities.

A NATIVE South Carolinian, Dr. McGriff practiced dentistry here in Portsmouth for more than 40 years. A graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., he studied dental medicine at Howard University and Meharry School of Dentistry.

He practiced in Wilmington, Del., for about a year before coming to Portsmouth.

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DR. McGRIFF, AND his only son, John L. Jr., were nationally known for their participation in national tennis tournaments, including the National, Southeastern, Middle Atlantic, District of Columbia Open, and Opens in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Playing together since 1933, the father-son team was National and Southeastern Open champions, and champions and runners-up in other doubles events.

FOR TWO YEARS Dr. McGriff and Dr. E. D. Downing, of Roanoke, Va., were National Men's doubles champions.

A trophy case in his home exhibits some 28 championship and runner-up cups won by Dr. McGriff from 1923 to 1935. Another case displays over 50 cups and medals won by Dr. McGriff and his son, John Jr., from 1933 to 1950.

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DR. McGRIFF WAS a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Old Dominion Dental Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Isabella Anderson McGriff; his son, John L. McGriff Jr., and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards McGriff. Dr. and Mrs. McGriff had recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Colden's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. McGriff, Net Star, Is Buried

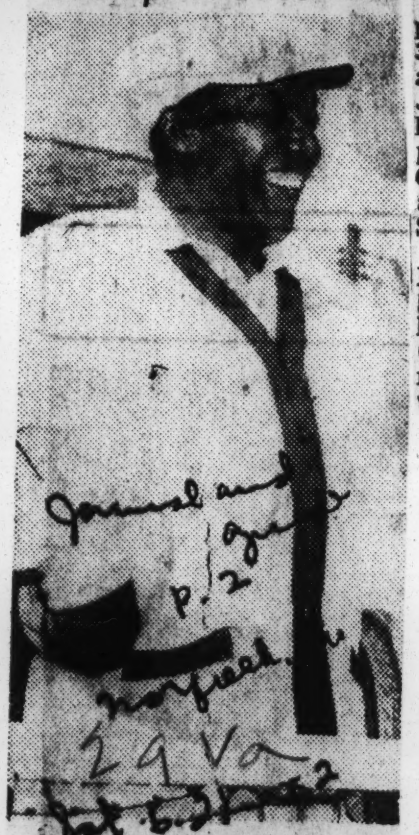
PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Dr. John L. McGriff, for many years one of the American Tennis Association's outstanding players, was buried here Saturday following funeral services at the St. James PE Church.

Dr. McGriff, elder member of the famed father-son doubles combination of McGriff and McGriff, died Wednesday after a lengthy illness.

The prominent dentist was a native of South Carolina and graduate of Shaw University and Howard and Meharry dental schools.

An outstanding net player for more than 40 years, he had been best known over the past 17 years as a member of the nation's top father - son team. Between them the two McGriffs captured more than 50 trophies in various tournaments since 1933.

Portsmouth Tennis Champion Succumbs



Dr. John L. McGriff Sr., Portsmouth, Va. dentist, and senior partner of the famous Eastern Seaboard father-son tennis team of McGriff and McGriff, died at his home Wednesday morning.

The dentist, a champion in his own right, won several first place cups in singles competition, and over a period of about 17 years had teamed up with his son to win honors in doubles competition.

He will be buried from St. James Episcopal Church in Portsmouth.

Dentist, Tennis Champion Buried

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Funeral services for Dr. John L. McGriff of 779 London St., practicing dentist here for 40 years, were held in St. James PE Chuch Saturday, the Rev. Richard B. Martin of Grace Church officiating.

Dr. McGriff, a native of South Carolina, was a graduate of Shaw University and studied dentistry at McHarry and Howard schools of dentistry.

Champion Tennis Player

He was a champion tennis player, having in his home about 30 championships, cups and medals won by himself and his son, John Jr., and was nationally known as a men's double champion. He held membership in the Old Dominion Dental Association and was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Isabella Anderson McGriff; his son, John L. Jr., and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards McGriff. He and Mrs. McGriff had recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Dr. Corbin, Prominent Pulaski Physician, Buried

PULASKI, Va. — Funeral services for Percy Casino Corbin, 64, prominent Pulaski physician, were held recently at First Baptist Church, Magzine street with the Rev. O. L. Johnson, pastor, in charge of the services.

Dr. Corbin died at Wayne Diagnostic Hospital, Detroit, while on a vacation in that city with his

He had been practicing here for 40 years. He came here shortly after his graduation from Leonard Medical College, Shaw University in 1911. He did further study at Howard University.

THE PROGRESSIVE physician spent 40 years of effort in the promotion of the general welfare of his race. His practice was divided between the two races.

He was a member of the AME Church, the Magic City, Old Dominion, and National Medical Socieities, was president of the local NAACP, and belonged to many other social and civic organizations.

Dr. Corbin was a native of Athens, Texas and was the son of the late Edward and Priscilla Corbin. The physician was married to the former Miss Carrie E. Lynscom, of Dallas, Texas. They had five children.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE his widow; one daughter, Mrs. A. W. Pleasants Jr., of Lexington; four sons, P. C. Corbin Jr., Detroit; Alphonso Corbin, a student at the University of Michigan; Maurcie Corbin, a senior at Howard University School of Medicine, and Mahatma Corbin, now serving in the armed forces; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers included Lonnie Bryson, Charles Wilson, Jessie Baker, Charles Stewart, U. B. Broadneaux, and Lesley Robinson. Honorary pall bearers were selected from members of the Magic City and Old Dominion Medical socieities.

BURIAL WAS IN Pinehurst

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral included: Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Pleasants Jr. and children, of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Percy C. Corbin Jr; Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Corbin, and Mrs. L. L. Dotson, all of Detroit; Mahatma Corbin, who is stationed at Greenland with the army; Maurice Corbin, Howard University.

Also J. W. Abbey, Williamsburg; Douglas Abbey, Athens, Texas; Mr and Mrs. D. M. Pullerman, Columbus, Ohio: Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Laws, of Hinton, W. Va.; Dr. and Mrs. Ruben Lawson, attorney; Mrs. Johnson and son, of Covington; Mrs. Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Dr. Harry P. Williams, Martinsville; Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, Mrs. Walter W. Edna Moore, all of Roanoke; Mrs. Ellsworth C. Wright, Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Dorothy Logan, Washington; U. B. Broadneaux, and son, of Lexington, Va.

ALSO DR. AND MRS. J. B. Claytor, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Paxton, Dr. and Mrs. Maynard Laws, H. L. Johnson, of Abingdon, the Laws, Dr. J. H. Roberts and Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Nash, of daughters, Dr. L. C. Downing, Dr. Pearisburg; and other friends John H. Condiff, R. L. Edwards, from Wythville, Max Meadows, A. L. Dillard, M. H. Guerrant, Draper, Radford, New River, Salem, Va.; **DR. LAWS,** of Hinton, and Dr. L. C. Bryson, Charlottsville; Mrs. Johnson, of Abingdon, the Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Nash, of Dr. Corbin at Shaw.

W. F. Shivers, 84, Retired Virginia Merchant, Passes

SMITHFIELD, Va. — William Franklin Shivers, 84, retired business man who for many years remained one of Virginia's most successful merchants as well as influential church and fraternal leaders, was buried Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18.

Attending the rites at John Brown AME Church to join in paying personal tribute to the memory of the deceased was Lt. Governor A. L. Stephens of Virginia. Mr. Stephens explained that he had just heard of the death, but on learning of it, came immediately to the church in order to be present at the funeral of a personal friend.

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MR. SHIVERS, widely recognized as Isle of Wight county's distinguished patron, died the preceding Friday. He had been in poor health for a number of years.

Officiating at the brief services was the Rev. Melvin Law, pastor of John Brown Church, where the deceased had been an active member for 63 years. Other ministers taking part were the Rev. S. R. Williams of Hill Street Baptist Church and the Rev. John Tynes and Rev. Mr. Hicks.

W. W. Foreman of Norfolk, a close personal friend of the Shivers family, made eulogistic remarks.

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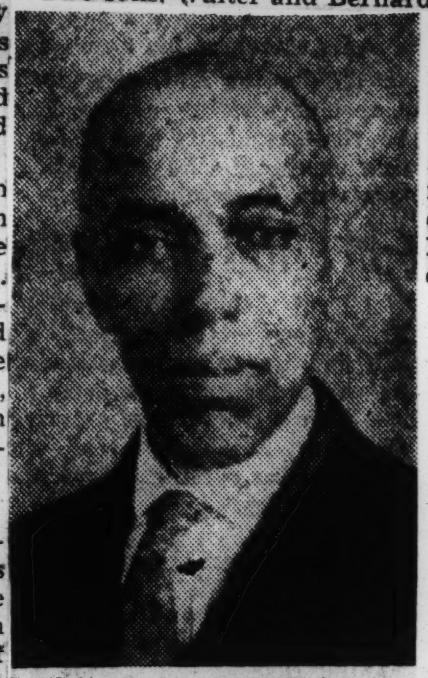
MR. SHIVERS was born August 8, 1868, the son of Nancy and Robert Shivers, of Smithfield. In 1889 he married Miss Emily Delk, and from this union 10 children were born. Of this number, nine survive. They are the seven daughters: Mrs. Juliet Hill, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. Rosa Wilson, Smithfield; Mrs. Jewel Cuffey, Washington, D. C.; Miss Fay Shivers New York City; Mrs. Marietta Dockery, New York City; Mrs. Salome Waites, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Willie Golden, Denver, N. Y.

Two sons, Walter and Bernard Shivers, Bronx, N. Y.



W. F. SHIVERS

Mr. Shivers was a pioneer in the fraternal order of Negro Elks in Virginia, and his influence weighed heavily in national Elk circles. He was a charter member of the Virginia State Association of IBPOE of W., and a past president of the organization . Also he was a charter member of Fidelis Council No. 18, PER, of Elks of Virginia.

HE WAS equally as devoted to his church, and in the Virginia AME Annual Conference, he was a high counsellor and advisor. Even in the quadrennial conference, the influence from the patron of Isle of Wight could be discerned.

In business, Mr. Shivers pioneered in retail and wholesale merchandisings. He operated a general store here which for some 40 years served the entire county regardless of race or creed.

Keenly interested in the economic advancement of his people, many years ago he took the lead in projecting efforts toward the forming of a Negro Business League of Virginia.

Mr. Shivers educated all of his children. It has often been said of him that he spent $50,000 in education for his offspring, although he was known not to have had a formal education himself. Smithfield Lodge No. 65, IBPOE of W. conducted ceremonies at the grave.

Portsmouth, Va., Physician Buried

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Funeral services for Dr. Wiliam E. Reid, 83, dean of local physicians, were held in St. James PE Church July 1, the Rev. Richard B. Martin, rector of Grace Church, South Hill, officiating.

The death of Dr. Reid at Whittaker Memorial Hospital, Newport News, June 28, brought to two the number of Tidewater medical men to die within the past two weeks. He was a pallbearer at the funeral of Dr. John L. McGriff, also of this city, who died at his home June 11.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cornelia E. Reid; one son, Dr. Russell Reid of Newport News; five daughters, two brothers, two sisters, a nephew and seven grandchildren.

Final Rites For Dr. Greene W. Va. Teacher

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—(ANP)—Funeral services were held last week in the chapel at West Virginia State college for Dr. Harry Washington Greene, head of the department of Education and research director at the college, who died here Feb. 18. Cause of death was not disclosed immediately.

Dean James Kelly, Jr. delivered the eulogy; Dr. Harrison H. Ferrell, dean of the college read the obituary which was written by D. I. Ferguson. The Reverends R. W. Cunningham and Ernest P. Clark and Moses Newsome assisted in the service.

Dr. Greene had been a member of the West Virginia State faculty for some 22 years. He began his teaching career at Lincoln university (Pa.). He later was director of teacher training, Winston-Salem, 1920-21; vice principal of a high school, New Bern. N. C., 1921-22; dean of Samuel Huston college, 1922-28; general education board fellow at Columbia, 1926-27, and dean of administration and research at Prairie View college.

Born in New Bern, N. C., Dr. Greene received his AB from Lincoln university and his MA from Columbia. He was a member of the National Advisory committee on Education; International Conference of the New Education Fellowship, secretary of West Va. Committee on Teacher Education, and National Society for the Study of Education. He also was a member of Alpha Pi Mu, Phi Kappa Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha, and the Virginia Association of Higher Education.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Viola Johnson Greene, he is survived by two daughters, Harriet Elizabeth and Leta Winston Greene, a sister, Miss Macy Greene and a nephew, William T. Greene.

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